

Notes for Minutes
Indian Hills Environmental Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Second Presbyterian Church Room 219

Present: LuAnn George, Mimi Zinniel, Patricia Vairin, Amy Broadhurst, Lyle Graham, Lee Maddox, Vance Von Borries.

Call to Order. The minutes from September 18, 2019 were approved including the revision by Patricia regarding Robinswood entrances.

Tree Risk Assessment 2019

Mimi presented the summary information to the committee. As of most recent report, nearly 5,000 trees were assessed; only 118 need to be removed: 80 immediately and 38 in the future. Of these, approximately 19 are on City-owned property, and 61 are privately owned. Additionally, pruning is recommended for 23 trees (3 City, 20 Private). It is worth noting that approximately half of the removals are ash trees killed by the Emerald Ash Borer. Note that the assessment is not yet complete; final work will be done next spring.

The private property owners will be notified (exact text to be determined by Council) that they are responsible for removal/pruning. Jim Graven will arrange for City trees to be removed/pruned.

The survey was large, because it had never been done before. Future surveys will require less work and fewer trees to be removed/pruned.

Oktoberfest

The event was a success, and the Environment Committee's table drew a lot of positive attention. Many thanks to Kay and others who helped organize our presence. We hope that the City can get the Fall newsletter out by Labor Day next year, to publicize the Canopy Tree Program and other doings of the Environment Committee; four people signed up for the Tree Program while at the event.

Amy Broadhurst volunteered to put together an email list for the committee for future email correspondence, using the names collected at the EC table.

Lyle Graham agreed to hang on to left over tree brochures until the next public event.

Other

Committee discussed the planned merging of the Canopy Tree Program into the Environment Committee. EC will gather ideas from residents about new ideas for next years programming, including perhaps a free tree giveaway with non-canopy trees.

The Committee was encouraged to review other cities' programs, including the Metro Louisville Tree report: https://louisvilleky.gov/sites/default/files/sustainability/pdf_files/louisvilleutcreport-24march2015.pdf.

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The Environment Committee believes a City Plan would be helpful; it would include guidelines for healthy landscape maintenance, recommendations for addressing drainage and flooding issues, and other challenges/opportunities for the City

November Meeting to be held as scheduled. However, due to holidays, December meeting will be discussed and decided based on Committee input in November.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.